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DETERMINE A BEST MATCH ENCODING A MESSAGE

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This is a response to an Office Action mailed September 25, 2003 (Paper No. 18).

**Status of the Claims** is reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (*Ref. No. 23452-090*).